

REMARKS

This Application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action electronically sent August 27, 2007. Claims 1-24 are pending in this application and Claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 11-13, 17, 20 and 22-24 are rejected. Claims 3-5, 7, 8, 10, 14-16, 18, 19 and 21 are objected to. For at least the reasons provided below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 3-5, 7-8, 10, 14-16, 18-19 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As discussed below, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1 and 12 to include the limitations of allowable Claim 10.

Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1, 9, 12 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,088,920 issued to Krishnaswamy et al. ("*Krishnaswamy*") in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0223409 issued to Wiebe ("*Wiebe*"). The Examiner also rejects Claims 2 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Krishnaswamy* in view *Wiebe* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,072,584 issued to Lichtman et al. ("*Lichtman*"). In addition, the Examiner rejects Claims 6 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Krishnaswamy* in view *Wiebe* and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2006/0153563 issued to Feuer et al. ("*Feuer*"). Further, the Examiner also rejects Claims 11 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Krishnaswamy* in view *Wiebe* and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0252688 issued to May et al. ("*May*"). Finally, the Examiner rejects Claims 23-34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Krishnaswamy* in view *Wiebe* and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2006/0274734 issued to DeMartino ("*DeMartino*").

As noted above, Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 12 to include the limitations of Claim 10, which the Examiner has indicated contain allowable subject matter.¹ Therefore,

¹ Applicants respectfully believe that Claims 1 and 12 are allowable in unamended form, but have amended these claims to expedite allowance of this application.

Applicants believe that Claims 1 and 12 are in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1 and 12, as well as the other pending claims of the present application, which depend from these independent claims.

CONCLUSION

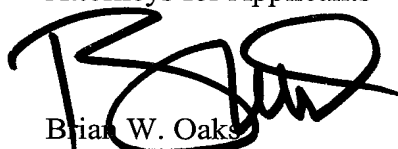
Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Brian W. Oaks, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6986.

Although Applicants believe that no fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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